

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Resolution No. 8-16

Councilmembers Almond & Jones

By the County Council, January 4, 2016

A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council providing for a study and evaluation of the feasibility of a Community Eligibility Pilot Program to be implemented by the Baltimore County Public School System for the 2016 - 2017 school year.

WHEREAS, the Community Eligibility Provision of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 provides local educational agencies and schools in low-income areas with an alternative approach for operating school meal programs; and

WHEREAS, this Provision is a new option that allows schools with high percentages of low-income children to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students - essentially becoming Hunger-Free Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Community Eligibility Provision benefits students who will now have access to free, nutritious meals - breakfast and lunch; parents no longer are required to complete eligibility applications; school administrative personnel are relieved of time-consuming paperwork; and school staff have a streamlined meal service operation; and

WHEREAS, the County Council believes that due to the growing number of impoverished students in Baltimore County Public Schools, it is reasonable, after appropriate study, and consultation with the school system, to consider the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision for the 2016 - 2017 school year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Council, in cooperation with the school system, will study and evaluate the Community Eligibility Provision, and make a recommendation to the Baltimore County Public School System, no later than March of 2016, regarding whether a Pilot Program should be implemented for the 2016-2017 school year.